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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of July

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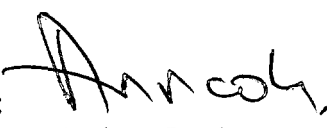
The registrant files annual reports under cover of Form 20-F. By furnishing the information contained in this Form the registrant is not also furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Transco plc

Date: 09 July 2002

By: 
Andrew Poole
Authorised Signatory



2 July 2002

TRANSCO PLC**NATIONAL GRID GROUP PLC AND LATTICE GROUP PLC****MERGER UPDATE - OFT MERGER CLEARANCE CONFIRMED**

National Grid Group plc (National Grid) and Lattice Group plc (Lattice) welcome the announcement today by The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry that she has decided not to refer the proposed merger of National Grid and Lattice (the "Merger") to the Competition Commission under the provisions of the Fair Trading Act 1973.

The Merger remains subject to the approval of shareholders of National Grid and Lattice, sanction of the Lattice scheme of arrangement by the High Court, and the satisfaction of a number of conditions including regulatory consents and approvals. National Grid and Lattice remain confident that the Merger will complete during autumn 2002.

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